To Jim Garrison from Harold Weisberg 3/17/68

Carlos Bringuier

Orest Pena did not have the information you sought relative to Bringuier. I did learn from him that Bringuier did have a walkie-talkie for use in his business.

Bartes told me he regards Bringuier as a close friend.

Other sources I cannot not recall told me what I am unwilling to credit, that Bringuier was in Castro's G-2. Also that he was fairly close to Ricardo Davis, which is confirmed by Davis' statement to me that he knew of the Oswald visit to Bringuier within 8 hours. (from gil)

Early in the week there was a self-styled anti-Communist meeting that he picketed, a strange switch, for he was in no sense opposed to it. It was one of several publicity stunts he staged. That one succeeded for he made TV news with it. Channel 12 carried his distribution of a reprint of a speech by Congressman Willis, of the House Unamerican Committee, who need not have sobered up to have made it for it likely was an "extension" of his "remarks."

A month or so ago I sent you clippings of advance leaks on this. It is futile to attempt to refute such trash. On the central point that might trouble you, I did not buy forgeries. I gave money to the Washington representative of the Silver Shirts, who was without income and who was providing me with material for a book. Several of the documents were photostats rather than originals. Because he explained this as self-protection, that he regarded these letters as vital, I got him to execute an affidavit certifying their authenticity. Once the entrapment was sprung, I made my own investigation and soon had the payroll records showing he was at that time being paid by this very committee! Naturally, they omit this from their propaganda, although it is public record. They also omit the fact that a grand-jury cleared me and their agent got two years for false pretense and uttering and forging. I never leaked anything to the Daily Worker (and had no confidential records to leak if I'd wanted to). My knowledge of this crap is from George Lardner, Jr., whose paper refused to carry it but who informed me of it several days ago. Indicative of the other uses to which it is being put is the anonymous mailing to Orest Pena, who received it yesterday, of a Xeroxed copy to which a note had been added cautioning him about "the kind of people" he associates with.

Coinciding with the Chandler operation, Bringuier Xeroxed the rough draft of the papers of his frivolous suit against me that was dismissed for cause, went to the clerk of the court and requested a summons, got this rejected because the suit had been dismissed for cause, then went to the USMarshall and got him to serve this utterly meaningless xerox on me. He knew where I was, for the Marshall came right to my room when I was in, the only afternoon of my entire stay that I was. In advance he went to the court reporter for the Times Picayune in an effort to get him to carry a story. Checking into it, the reporter learned the truth and would not write anything. Bill Lucas check the above out for me and counselled me to ignore it. I wonder about the participation of the USMarshall in such an apparent trick.

Since then he has gotten his editorial paper in the mail. I don't know what it is or memo. They did not serve a second attempt to serve a summons before I left.